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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TOUR D'HORIZON IN BERLIN

REF: A. STATE 199269, B. BERLIN 4947, C. STATE 190578.

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH REFTEL A THAT FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH FISCHER WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO GRUNERT'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, TO DETERMINE CLEARLY WHERE BOTH SIDES STAND ON A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES. WE HAVE NOW BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY BY GDR MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER THAT FISCHER IS DUE BACK FROM LEAVE THE MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK, AND THAT PROTOCOL IS AWARE OF OUR REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO SEE FISCHER. WHILE MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER DID NOT SAY WHEN MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE, WE ASSUME IT COULD BE BEFORE GRUNERT'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE AROUND AUGUST 20.

2. THE AMBASSADOR HAS NO CURRENT PLANS FOR SEPARATE MEETING WITH GRUNERT NEXT WEEK (REF B), BUT IS HOSTING A SOCIAL LUNCHEON ON AUGUST 9 IN GRUNERT'S HONOR WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR SIEBER, SEVERAL OFFICIALS FROM MFA, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE LUNCHEON WILL NOT BE THE PROPER SETTING FOR A THOROUGH EXCHANGE AND DEFINITIVE
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GDR POSITIONS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US. IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK TO ASCERTAIN FROM GRUNERT CURRENT GDR THINKING ON SUCH MATTERS AS CONSULAR CONVENTION, PROPERTY CLAIMS, FEININGER PAINTINGS AND WILHELMI CASE, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS REF C.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR TALKS WITH FISCHER AND
ANTICIPATE SEPARATE MEETING WITH GRUNERT, PARTICULARLY IF
FONMIN APPOINTMENT DELAYED BEYOND AUGUST 20. BOLEN

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